

#### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

#### **REGION 8**

# 999 18th STREET - SUITE 500 DENVER, COLORADO 80202-2466

September 30, 2003

Ref: 8ENF-T

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Natrona County Commissioners c/o Jon Campbell, Chair P.O. Box 863 Casper, WY 82602

Re: Notice of Safe Drinking Water
Act Enforcement Action against

Sunset Grill

PWS ID# WY5600078

Dear County Commissioners:

Pursuant to Section 1414(a)(2)(B) of the 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is required to notify an appropriate locally elected official of any action taken in a State that does not have primary enforcement authority for public water systems. The State of Wyoming does not have primary enforcement authority for public water systems under the SDWA.

An Administrative Order is being issued under Section 1414 of the SDWA to Sunset Grill, Alcova, Wyoming. This Order requires that the public water system take measures to return to compliance with the SDWA and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations. The System is in violation of 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.21(a), 141.201, 141.21(g)(2), and 141.31(b) for: failure to monitor for total coliform bacteria; failure to provide public notice of the violations; failure to report SDWA violations to EPA within 10 days of discovering the violation; and failure to report NPDWR violations to EPA within 48 hours.

A copy of the Order is enclosed for your information. The Order does not require any response or action by the County

Commission. If you have any questions regarding this Order, please contact Melanie Wasco at (303) 312-6540.

Sincerely,

# SIGNED

Diane L. Sipe, Director Technical Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

Enclosure



# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 8
999 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET - SUITE 300
DENVER, CO 80202-2466
Phone 800-227-8917
http://www.epa.gov/region08

**September 30, 2003** 

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Jody Craig Sunset Grill P.O. Box 143 Alcova, Wyoming 82620

Re: Administrative Order

Docket No. SDWA-08-2003-0073

PWS ID# WY5600078

Dear Ms. Craig:

Enclosed you will find an Administrative Order (Order), which the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued under the authority of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. Section 300f et seq., and its implementing regulations. Among other things, the Administrative Order finds that Sunset Grill Water System (System) is a public water supplier as defined by the SDWA and that the owner of the system has violated the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs) at 40 C.F.R. §§ 141.21(a), 141.201, 141.21(g)(2), and 141.31(b) for: failure to monitor for total coliform bacteria; failure to provide public notice of the violations; failure to report total coliform monitoring violations to EPA within 10 days of discovering the violation; and failure to report NPDWR violations to EPA within 48 hours.

If the System owner complies with the enclosed Order for a period of at least twelve months, EPA may choose to close the Order. Violating the enclosed Order may lead to (1) a penalty of





up to \$27,500 per day of violation of the Order, (2) a separate such penalty for violating the regulations themselves, and/or (3) a court injunction ordering you to comply.

Also enclosed is a Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act (SBREFA) Section 22 information sheet. The SBREFA sheet notifies small businesses of their right to comment on regulatory enforcement activities, and provides information on compliance assistance. Dissemination of this information sheet does not constitute an admission or determination by EPA that the business, organization or governmental jurisdiction is a small entity as defined by SBREFA.

Please note that the effective date of the enclosed Order is the date of issuance. Within the next 10 days, please provide EPA with any new information that you believe the Agency is not aware of relating to the alleged violations in the Order. The information may be sent to Melanie Wasco at the address on the letterhead, include the mailcode 8ENF-T, or you may call Ms. Wasco at (800) 227-8917, extension 6540, or (303) 312-6540. If you wish to have an informal conference with EPA, you may also call or write Ms. Wasco. If you are represented by an attorney or have legal questions, please call Amy Swanson at the above 800 number, extension 6906, or at (303) 312-6906.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

#### SIGNED

Diane L. Sipe, Director
Technical Enforcement Program
Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice

Enclosures

Order

Public Notice template

SBREFA

cc: Larry Robinson, WY DEQ Dr. Karl Musgrave, WDH



# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8

The following Findings are made and Order issued under the authority vested in the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by Section 1414(g) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (the Act), 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g) and its implementing regulations, as properly delegated to the Supervisors of the Technical and Legal Enforcement Programs of the Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice, EPA Region 8.

#### FINDINGS

- 1. Ms. Jody Craig (Respondent) is an individual and therefore a "person" within the meaning of 40 C.F.R. § 141.2.
- 2. Respondent owns and/or operates a system, the Sunset Grill Water System (the System), located in Natrona



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County, Wyoming for the provision to the public of piped water for human consumption.

- 3. The Sunset Grill Water System has at least 15 service connections or regularly serves an average of at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year and is therefore a "public water system" within the meaning of Section 1401(4) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(4), and a "non-community water system" within the meaning of 40 C.F.R.
- 4. Respondent owns and/or operates a public water system and is therefore a "supplier of water" within the meaning of Section 1401(5) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(5) and 40 C.F.R. § 141.2. Respondent is therefore subject to the requirements of part B of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g, and its implementing regulations, 40 C.F.R. part 141.
- 5. According to an October 17, 2001 sanitary survey by an agent for EPA, Respondent operates a system that is supplied solely by a ground water source consisting of one well 30 feet deep. The system serves approximately 50 customers per day through two service connections.

### FINDINGS OF VIOLATION

I.

- 1. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21 requires the owner and/or operators of non-community public water systems to monitor the water at least once per quarter to determine compliance with the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total coliform bacteria as stated in 40 C.F.R. § 141.63.
- 2. Respondent failed to monitor the System's water for contamination by total coliform bacteria during the 3<sup>rd</sup> (July-September) quarter in 2002, and the 1<sup>st</sup> (January-March) quarter in 2003, in violation of 40 C.F.R.
  § 141.21(a).

II.

- 1. 40 C.F.R. § 141.201 requires owners and/or operators of public water systems to notify the public of any national primary drinking water regulation (NPDWR) violations, including MCL violations, maximum residual disinfection level (MRDL), treatment technique (TT), monitoring requirements, and testing procedures in 40 C.F.R. part 141.
- 2. Respondent has not provided public notice of the noncompliance detailed in the preceding Section I, in



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violation of 40 C.F.R. § 141.201.

III.

- 1. 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2) requires public water systems that have failed to comply with a total coliform monitoring requirement under 40 C.F.R. § 141.21 to report the monitoring violation to EPA within 10 days after the system discovers the violation.
- 2. Respondent failed to report to EPA the noncompliance detailed in Section I, in violation of 40 C.F.R.
  § 141.21(q)(2).

IV.

- 1. 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b) requires public water systems to report any failure to comply with any National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (40 C.F.R. part 141) to EPA within 48 hours.
- 2. Respondent failed to report to EPA instances of noncompliance detailed in Section II, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(b).

#### ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings, and pursuant to Section 1414(q) of the Act, IT IS ORDERED:

1. As of the effective date of this order, Respondent



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shall comply with the total coliform monitoring requirements as stated in 40 C.F.R. § 141.21 to determine compliance with the total coliform MCL appearing at 40 C.F.R. § 141.63. Respondent shall report analytical results to EPA within the first 10 days following the month in which sample results are received, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(a).

2. No later than 30 days from the effective date of this Order, Respondent must provide public notice of the violations specified under the Findings of Violation in Section I in this Order to return to compliance with 40 C.F.R. § 141.201. This notice must be given by any one of the following methods: (1) posting the notice in conspicuous locations throughout the distribution system frequented by persons served by the system; (2) by mail or direct delivery to each customer and service connection; AND (3) any other method reasonably calculated to reach other persons served by the system, if they would not normally be reached by the notice described in (1) and (2), including publication in a local newspaper or newsletter distributed to customers; use of E-mail to notify employees or students; or,



delivery of multiple copies in central locations. If the public notice is posted, the notice must remain in place for as long as the violation or situation persists, but for no less than seven days. The public water system must repeat the notice every three months as long as the violation or situation persists. Upon the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall comply with the public notification requirements at 40 C.F.R. § 141.201 et seq. following any future NPDWR violation. Respondent shall submit a copy of the public notice to EPA within 10 days of completion of the public notice, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 141.31(d).

- 3. Upon the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall comply with 40 C.F.R. § 141.21(g)(2) by reporting any failure to comply with coliform monitoring requirements under 40 C.F.R. § 141.21 to EPA within ten days after the system discovers the violation.
- 4. Except where a different reporting period is specified in paragraph 3 above, upon the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall comply with 40 C.F.R. §

  141.31(b) by reporting any failure to comply with any



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National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (40 C.F.R. part 141) to EPA within 48 hours.

5. Reporting requirements specified in this Order shall be provided by certified mail to:

Melanie Wasco
U. S. EPA Region 8 (8ENF-T)
999 18th Street, Suite 300
Denver, Colorado 80202-2466

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

- This Order does not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 141.1 et seq., or the Safe Drinking Water Act, which remain in full force and effect. Issuance of this Order is not an election by EPA to forgo any civil or criminal action otherwise authorized under the Act.
- Violation of any term of this Order instituted under Section 1414(g)(3)(A), 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g)(3)(A), may subject the Respondent to an administrative civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per day of violation under Section 1414(g)(3)(B) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g)(3)(B), or a civil penalty of not more than \$27,500 per day of violation assessed by an appropriate U.S.District Court under Section



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1414(g)(3)(C) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(g)(3)(C).

- 3. Violation of any requirement of the SDWA or its implementing regulations instituted under Section 1414(b), 42 U.S.C.
  - § 300g-3(b), may subject Respondent to a civil penalty of not more than \$27,500 per day of violation assessed by an appropriate U.S. District Court under Section 1414(b) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-3(b).
- 4. The effective date of this Order shall be the date of issuance of this Order.

Issued this  $30^{\text{TH}}$  day of September , 2003.

# David J. Janik

Michael T. Risner, Director
David J. Janik, Supervisory Attorney
Legal Enforcement Program
Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice

# SIGNED

Diane L. Sipe, Director Technical Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

IF YOU WOULD LIKE COPIES OF THE ATTACHMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE REGIONAL HEARING CLERK.

THIS DOCUMENT WAS FILED IN THE RHC'S OFFICE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

